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SUBJECT: CANADIAN ASSISTANCE TO SAHELIAN DROUGHT AREA

AFDROUGHT

ROME FOR FODAG

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 685

1. DURING COURSE RECENT GENERAL DISCUSSION CANADIAN PLANS FOR SAHELIAN AREA WE INFORMED CIDA DIRECTOR EMERGENCY RELIEF (SMITH) OF MAURITANIA'S CONCERNS REGARDING DELAYED DELIVERIES CANADIAN RELIEF SUPPLIES (PARAGRAPH 6 REFTEL). SMITH INFORMED US AUGUST 17 THAT AFTER " GENTLE PRODDING" WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) HAS DECIDED DRAW DOWN GRAIN STOCKS DAKAR HARBOR BY 5,000 MT AND FORWARD THIS AMOUNT TO MAURITANIA AT ONCE. SMITH ADDED STOCKS WOULD BE REPLACED BY CANADIAN PLEDGE TO MAURITANIA THROUGH WFP OF 5,600 MT WHICH NOW SLATED LEAVE CANADIAN PORTS FOR DAKAR IN MID-SEPTEMBER INSTEAD OF DATE MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. SMITH ALSO SAID GOC WILL SIGN AGREEMENT WITH FAO IN ROME BEFORE AUGUST 30 PROVIDING TRANSPORT VEHICLES FOR DELIVERY
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EMERGENCY RELIEF SUPPLIES. AGREEMENT (PRICE TAG ESTIMATED AT

C\$1 MILLION) WILL PROVIDE FOR CONTRIBUTION UP TO 36 FRENCH
BERLIET 8-TON TRUCKS MODIFIED FOR DESERT USE.
AGREEMENT WILL ALSO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR DRIVERS'
SALARIES, MAINTENANCE AND GASOLINE EXPENDITURES. FAO WILL
AGREE THAT AT END OF SIX MONTH PERIOD, OWNERSHIP OF
TRUCKS WILL REVERT TO THE SIX SAHELIAN COUNTRIES (SIX PER STATE).

3. SMITH STATED GOC IN PROCESS SELECTING ADDITIONAL COMMOD-
ITIES FOR RELIEF ASSISTANCE AND REQUESTED INFORMATION ON TYPE
COMMODITIES US PLANNING PROVIDE. HE ADDED INFORMATION WOULD
BE MOST USEFUL IF PROVIDED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS TO AVOID DUPLICATION
GOC AND USG RELIEF EFFORTS. PLEASE ADVISE.
JOHNSON

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